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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides processes and intermediates for the preparation of (R)-8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine and salts thereof which are useful as serotonin-2C (5-HT_{2C}) receptor agonists for the treatment of, for example, obesity.



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